

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1092
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize David F. Bautista on the occasion
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, David F. Bautista is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for seventeen years as the Public Defender for the 1st Judicial District; he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born on July 24, 1939, David Bautista attended Elizabethton High School, graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree, and obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, David F. Bautista was appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the position of District Public Defender for the 1st Judicial District; he was elected to a full eight-year term in 1990, and reelected for another eight-year term in 1998; and

WHEREAS, before working as a public defender, Mr. Bautista was in private practice with the firm of Street, Banks, Merryman, Bautista and Banks, and served as General Sessions Judge Pro Tem and Assistant Juvenile Judge in Carter County; and

WHEREAS, proudly serving our great Nation, David F. Bautista retired from the United States Army Reserve in 1996 at the rank of Colonel, having been originally commissioned as an officer of the United States Army with the ROTC; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious military career, Colonel Bautista served with the National Defense Force Service Command, United States Volunteer Homeland Security Service Command, as Deputy National Commander and as Command Defense Counsel for the HQ 12th

Support Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His last military assignment was as Commanding Officer of the 183rd IMA Detachment (R&D), Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Bautista's military education includes the Adjutant General Corps – Basic Officer's Course, Medical Services Corps – Advance Officers Course, Command and General Staff College, and the National Security Management Course; and

WHEREAS, calling on his expertise and knowledge, Colonel David Bautista was an instructor of the U.S. Army Officers Career Course, for the ROTC Instructor Group at ETSU and with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous professional organizations, Mr. Bautista was a member of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, which he served as Chair of the Legislative Committee; the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Bar Association; and the Lawyer's Admissions Committee, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by his peers and colleagues, David Bautista has served as the University of Tennessee representative to the American Law Student Association; State President of the Reserve Officers Association of U.S. (ROA); Co-coordinator of the Unicoi-Washington County Drug Court; and as an ex officio member of the Statutory Tennessee Drug Court Advisory Committee in 2003, in addition to serving as an Adjunct Professor for the Criminal Justice Department of East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, highly respected for his keen insight and wisdom, Mr. Bautista is a past president and elected member of the Board of Directors of the Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce and was appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services to serve on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Elizabethton, which serves five counties; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Bautista is a former Outstanding Young Man of the Year – Carter County and has appeared in *Who's Who in America Law* and *Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bautista is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, David F. Bautista is a member of West Side Christian Church, Elizabethton, which he has faithfully served in numerous capacities for many years; and

WHEREAS, David Bautista epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David Bautista has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend David F. Bautista for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee as Public Defender for the First Judicial District and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, even as we salute his exemplary careers in the military and the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.